

On September 23, 2015, EPA informed you that records responsive to the “incident action plans” portion of your request have been made publicly available on EPA’s website. Since that time, the following additional records related to the “incident action plans” portion of your request have been made publicly available on EPA’s website. Please note that some of the documents listed below were created after your request was submitted and are therefore not responsive to your request; any such documents are included here for informational purposes only.

- EPA Internal Review of the August 5, 2015 Gold King Mine Blowout and appendices A through F (no attachment G): <http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/1574135.pdf>
- Red and Bonita / Gold King Operational Plan – Draft: <http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/1573798.pdf>
- Preliminary Evaluation of Remedial Alternatives Using a Reactive Transport Model: Cement Creek/Animas River – Powerpoint: <http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/1272374.pdf>
- EPA/BOR Superfund Program Work Authorizaion Form (WAF) 8/20/15: <http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/bur-of-rec-work-auth-form-8-20-2015.pdf>
- REPORT ADDENDUM: Dec. 8, 2015 Addendum to EPA Internal Review of Gold King Mine Incident: <http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-12/documents/gkmaddendumfinal.pdf>
- REPORT ADDENDUM: Attachment 1: <http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-12/documents/gkmaddendumattachment1.pdf>
- REPORT ADDENDUM: Attachment 2: <http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-12/documents/gkmaddendumattachment2.pdf>
- REPORT ADDENDUM: Attachment 3: <http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-12/documents/gkmaddendumattachment3.pdf>
- REPORT ADDENDUM: Attachment 4: <http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-12/documents/gkmaddendumattachment4.pdf>
- REPORT ADDENDUM: Attachment 5: [http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-12/documents/gkmaddendumattachment5.bid\\_redacted\\_2.pdf](http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-12/documents/gkmaddendumattachment5.bid_redacted_2.pdf)
- REPORT ADDENDUM: Attachment 6: <http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-12/documents/gkmaddendumattachment6.pdf>
- REPORT ADDENDUM: TRANSMITTAL MEMO: <http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-12/documents/gkmaddendumtransmittalmemo.pdf>

Some documents responsive to the portion of your request seeking “any and all emails” and “meeting notes” have been made publicly available on EPA’s website. This portion of your request will require further search, collection, and review, as explained later in this letter:

- Email (from Bruce Stover [DNR] to Steven Way [EPA]) responds to email providing follow-up to ARSG meeting about the status of Red and Bonita and Gold King work:  
<http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/1573800.pdf>
- Email forwards email from CDRMS: Gold King Mine Site - Mine Blowout Notification Time Line from 5-Aug-2015 - summarizing response immediately following release (note that this email was sent after the time period of your request and is not responsive, but it is included for your information): <http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/1570355.pdf>

We are unable to provide you with portions of some requested records posted on the website because they have been determined to be exempt from mandatory disclosure by virtue of 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(4) (confidential business information) and 552(b)(6) (personal privacy). The basis for withholding, where applicable, is generally indicated on the records uploaded.

To fully respond to your request for “any and all emails” and “meeting notes” EPA has begun to search for and collect requested records from multiple EPA offices in various locations. After this search has been completed, EPA will require additional time to review the records that were collected. Because of this broad scope, it is difficult to predict with certainty how many records may be involved, or the length of the review time needed. If possible, EPA will provide responsive information on a rolling basis. As the Agency processes your request, and additional information becomes available concerning the length of time necessary to respond, we will contact you. At the latest, EPA will provide a status update concerning your request by March 4, 2016.

To view all of the documents related to Gold King Mine that EPA has made publicly available on its website, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/goldkingmine/documents-related-gold-king-mine-release>. EPA will continue to update this database. At any time you may check the status of your request at <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov>, or you may call Alan Engles, Acting EPA Region 8 FOIA Officer at (303) 312-6303. In addition, you may contact the EPA FOIA Public Liaison at (202) 566-1659 to assist with this matter.